



2013 FULBRIGHT U.S. – ASEAN VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM (USAS)

The U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos is pleased to announce a new Fulbright pilot initiative for ASEAN under the **2013 U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program (USAS)** in support of U.S. effort at regional and multilateral engagement in East Asia and Pacific. The program offers grants to Lao scholars, university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, and professional staff of think tanks and other NGOs in Laos and all 10 ASEAN member nations to travel to the U.S. for scholarly and professional research for 3-4 months on issues that are focused on ASEAN or the U.S. - ASEAN relationship.

Laos scholars are invited to submit proposals in various areas of expertise; sciences & technology and social and human sciences) on issues that are focused **on ASEAN or the U.S. - ASEAN relationship** for a grant to conduct research or engage in special academic-related projects in the U.S. for a period of 3-4 months.

Selection will be based on professional qualifications of applicants, and on the quality and significance of their project proposals.

Up to 2 awards to successful candidates nominated by the 10 countries in the region will be offered during this initiative program in 2013 for a period of 3-4 months. Funding for this program is through the U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos, under the Fulbright Program. 2013 Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar awards will provide:

- A monthly stipend for grantees, between US \$2,500 and \$2,900/month, depending on U.S. host city.
- A direct-flight, round-trip economy-class air ticket with actual cost.
- A \$900 Professional and Settling-in allowance.
- Qualifying university lab and research fees up to \$3000, as necessary.
- No dependent support will be available.

ELIGIBILITY:

At the time of application, an applicant must:

1. be a **Laos citizen** in good health, **age not exceeding 55 at the time of application deadline**; (individuals holding U.S. immigrant visas or permanent U.S. resident cards “green cards” are not eligible to apply) ;
2. be physically present in Laos at the time of interview;
3. hold a Master’s Degree or higher;
4. be a highly-motivated and experienced scholar who assumes responsibility for teaching/conducting research/engaging with U.S. – ASEAN matters; has the ability and willingness to incorporate information about U.S. – ASEAN and institutions in his/her teaching and professional work. Candidates are expected to have a basic understanding and knowledge in the related fields;
5. be able to take leave from his/her home institution or post;
6. be able to fully participate in every activity organized by U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos, e.g. Pre-departure Orientation Program;
7. be willing and able to serve as a resource person and a cultural ambassador in the United States, e.g. as a lecturer, seminar participant, consultant, or in other capacities requested by the host institution or community;
8. be prepared to lecture and participate in academic activities related to the program undertaken upon return to Laos;
9. must not have held a Fulbright grant within the past 5 years; and

10. must not have received a J-1 visa within the past two years.

A complete application set includes:

- 1. Original completed application form (with a photo attached)**
- 2. Project Statement** (3 - 5 pages typed, number 17)
- 3. Essay Statement** (not exceeding 2 pages typed, number 18)
- 4. Resume/CV**
- 5. Bibliography** (up to 3 pages)
- 6. A copy of your academic transcripts**
- 7. Three letters of recommendation (one from your home institution)**
8. Make additional 4 copies from the original in a total of 5 sets of applications. Please do not staple any of your application. Failure to submit a complete application makes an applicant ineligible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applicants who are interested must submit the completed application and required documents to Fulbright Program Office, Public Diplomacy, Vientiane, Laos. **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, November 6, 2012.**

U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos will nominate up to two (2) candidates for final approval which will be made by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in Washington with notification conveyed to selected and non-selected candidates **expected by May 2013.**

Please be advised that Fulbright grantees will need to apply for a J-1 VISA to participate in the Fulbright program.

Detailed announcement and application form can be downloaded at <http://Laos.usembassy.gov> If you have any question, contact **Fulbright Program Office Tel: 021 267000 ext.7055** or at Lao_educationusa.@state.gov.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Fulbright Program Office, Public Diplomacy Section
U.S. Embassy, Vientiane, Laos
Bartholonee Road (That Dam) near Talat Sao Mall.

DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 6, 2012